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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON
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AMCONSUL MUNICH

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CODEL HAWKINS

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF REP. STARK

REFS: STATE 208445; STATE 207207

1. REP. STARK (AND DAUGHTER) WILL BE JOINING HAWKINS' DELEGATION IN STOCKHOLM ON AUGUST 28, ARRIVING AT 1100 AM. HE WILL WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN NOON LUNCHEON AND AFTERNOON MEETINGS FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES SUBCOMMITTEE HOSTED BY THE SWEDISH SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. THEREFORE, WOULD APPRECIATE BEING MET ON ARRIVAL AND TAKEN TO PLACE WHERE LUNCHEON IS BEING HELD. CONGRESSMAN LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEPTION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR THAT EVENING.

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2. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH CONGRESSMAN, HE IS INTERESTED IN REVIEWING SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMS IN SWEDEN DURING REMAINDER OF HIS STAY. FOR THIS PURPOSE HE HAS REQUESTED A MEETING WITH SOMEONE WHO CAN GIVE HIM A GENERAL VIEW OF THESE PROGRAMS (RETIREMENT, HEALTH, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, ETC.), MEETINGS WITH TWO POLITICIANS OF OPPOSING VIEWS ON WELFARE QUESTIONS (PERHAPS A

COMMUNIST OR SOCIAL DEMOCRAT AND A CONSERVATIVE),

AND A MEETING WITH A BUSINESSMAN WHO CAN GIVE AN ENTREPRENEUR'S VIEW OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND TAXES. IF FEASIBLE THESE APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR AUGUST 29, GIVING THE CONGRESSMAN THE NEXT DAY FOR FOLLOW-UP AS HE MIGHT DESIRE.

3. CONGRESSMAN WOULD LIKE HIS DAUGHTER SARAH TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON APPOINTMENTS EXCEPT WHERE THIS MIGHT BE INAPPROPRIATE. NO SEPARATE SCHEDULE FOR HER IS NECESSARY.

4. FOR INFO ADDRESSEES: WE HAD NO INDICATION OF CONGRESSMAN'S DESIRE FOR ARRANGEMENTS OF SIMILAR APPOINTMENTS IN EITHER OSLO OR COPENHAGEN; HOWEVER, EMBASSIES SHOULD BE ALERTED TO POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENTS AFTER CONGRESSMAN'S ARRIVAL.

5. SCHEDULE AFTER COPENHAGEN IS STILL UNDECIDED. CONGRESSMAN REQUESTED THAT HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN MUNICH BE RETAINED, BUT ALSO ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE DURING TRANSIT ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 (ALTERNATE SCHEDULE). AIRLINE VIP HANDLING WAS SUGGESTED TO CONGRESSMAN BY DEPARTMENT. REQUEST EMBASSY IN COPENHAGEN CONFIRM ONWARD TRAVEL PLANS TO CONGEN
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MUNICH AND EMBASSY LONDON WHILE CONGRESSMAN IS IN DENMARK. IN ADDITION TO BEING MET ON ARRIVAL, CONGRESSMAN WOULD APPRECIATE BEING TAKEN TO AIRPORT ON DEPARTURE.

6. AUTHORIZATION GIVEN IN STATE 208445 SHOULD BE

AMENDED TO INCLUDE SWEDEN, SINCE IT HAD NOT BEEN PROVIDED PREVIOUSLY. AUTHORIZATION COVERS COST OF RENTAL VEHICLE FOR ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES IF NECESSARY. VANCE

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